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SUBJ: LON NOL MESSAGE TO THE NATION ON SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ
RESIGNATION.

REF : KHMER REPORT, MARCH 11, 1975

1. THE OFFICIAL GKR INFORMATION BULLETIN, AGENCE KHMERE DE PRESSE (AKP), PUBLISHED MARCH 12 THE TEXT OF AN ADDRESS TO THE NATION BY PRESIDENT LON NOL THE NIGHT BEFORE. THE MARSHAL, CITING THE CURRENT DIFFICULT SITUATION AND REFERRING TO RECENT RESOLUTIONS BY PARLIAMENT (REFTEL), STATED THE NEED TO REVISE THE GKR "POLITICAL-MILITARY STRUCTURE". ACCORDINGLY, THE MARSHAL ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD (A) ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF LTG SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF FANK; (B) ABOLISHED THE POST OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, AND (C) LTG SAK SUTSAKHAN TO REPLACE FERNANDEZ AS CHIEF OF STAFF.

2. LON NOL SAID HE HAD ALSO INSTRUCTED PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET TO FORM A NEW CABINET URGENTLY IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO CURRENT PROBLEMS.

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3. THE MARSHAL FURTHER REQUESTED THE GOVERNMENT TO SUBMIT

TO PARLIAMENT DRAFT LAWS ESTABLISHING SEVERE PENALTIES FOR
ECONOMIC SABOTEURS AND SUBVERSIVES AND EXPEDITING THE EXECUTION
OF THOSE CONDEMNED TO DEATH BY MILITARY TRIBUNALS.
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